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ent roomes to lodge Silk wormes in, and for the most commodious planting of Mulbery trees, to have the best leafe to feed them.

Ecause that these two things, First, the making of lodgings for the Silk-wormes: Secondly, the abundant planting of the best Mulbery trees in a requisite di-

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skill whereof may soone bee learned, and pre-

sently put in practice.

The lodgings of

Of these two preparations then, which rethe Sille-wormes quire some length of time to fit them, the first is, that you must make the lodgings and rooms for the Silk-wormes, so commodiously and conveniently for them, as they may eafily doe their worke, to yeeld you abundance of filke: which is but a vaine hope, if you lodge them in a place vnproper, and contrary to their nature. The Chambers for to lodge and bring vp the Silk-wormes in, must bee made spacious, lightfome, pleafant, neate, and wholefome, farre from ill fents, damps, fogs, and humidities: warme in cold, and cold in hot weather: they must not be lodged in the lowest roome neere the ground, nor yet in the vppermost roome neere the tiles, because of the distempers of these two contrary situations: the lowest roome may be too moyst, and the vppermost too windy, too hot, or too cold for them, according to the seasons. Neuerthelesse, the lower roome is the better of the two, and may bee borne withall, if the floore be dry and boorded, and that vpon it you erect one onely fingle Stage for the Wormes, three or foure foothigh from the floore, for the auoyding of cold dampes and moystures, and so as there bee too, one roome aboue it close boorded, to the end the Silkwormes may be still placed farre off from the tiles, which being neere them, are alwayes hurtull to them, because that the winde and the cold pierceth thorow them, and the heat of the Sunne is there also insupportable, when it lights upon the roose in his full force. Thatched Thatched townooses are also naught for them, because they see naught. harbour Mice and Rats in them, which are

great deuourers of the Wormes.

The most proper and commodious roomes middle roomes for the Silk-wormes then, are middle chambest. bers, which must be spared for the two months only in the Spring: or else if your house-roome be too straight, you must build new lodgings expressly for them, in which they will soone quit the cost, and that durably after; but otherwise to expect profits of them in bad roomes, will not be worth your labour.

You must cast the proportion for their The proportion roomes after this manner: The Silk-wormes of the roomes.

comming of ten ounces of seed, to be kept and fed well at ease for the best profit, must have a middle chamber of forty two foot in length, eighteene foot in bredth, and twelve foot in heighth; and for more or lesse Wormes you keepe, ground your selfe thereafter, vpon this

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The houses wherein you keepe them, would situation of the be situated in a good, cleere, dry ayre, for moy-bouses for them. sture is a great enemy vnto them: the chambers wherein you feed them, must have casement windowes to open and shut on both sides the roome, being opposite one against A 3 another,

another, from the East to the West, or from the North to the South, to the end that the fresh ayre and breeses, having free passage thorowand thorow the chambers, may refresh the Wormes in their great heates: for when they come neere to the end of their workes, what through the filke wherewith they are then filled and clogged; and what through the great heat of the season at that time, they are then ready to stifle, if they have not some fresh ayre let in to coole them, at convenient times. Neuerthelesse you must take heed, that the windowes to open and shut, bee well glazed or papered, and made to shut so close in a cold seafon, that no cold ayre get in at them; for coldes are as hurtfull to the Silk-wormes in the beginning of their worke, as heates are in the ending of it.

Windowes to open and shut close.

These creatures also desire to bee in a light place, as not willingly abiding the darke, from which they creepe away, seeking the light; therefore their roomes must be lightsome, pargetted also, and smoothly whited on the inside, so as Rats may not be able to creepe vpon the walls being slippery: All chinkes, creuises, and holes, must be close stopped, that there be no place of retrayt lest, for Mice, Rats, Lizards, Crickets, or other vermine, enemies to our Silk-wormes.

Nets before the windowes.

The windowes also would have nets hung before them, to keepe out poultry, and birds, which

which may fly in and eate the Wormes, at such time as it is needfull to set open the windowes.

The second and next principall preparation The food of the after the lodging, is the soode of the Silke-Silk-worme, wormes; which is the Mulbery lease well quative. lifted, not of euery Mulbery tree, nor of all ages, nor planted in euery soyle, nor set without regard of due distance; but it must be in all these respects select and choyce, for the well-prospering of this delicate creature.

Concerning the Mulbery tree, you must ob- Foure things ferue these source things, for to have the best considerable in the Mulber tree.

First, the diuers kindes of Mulbery trees, and which is the best for sike.

Secondly, the best soyle wherein the Mul-

bery is to be planted for this purpose.

Thirdly, the best time and order to plant and remoue them, and at what age the lease is good.

Fourthly, in what distance to set them, that

they may be well qualified by the Sunne.

First then you must know, that there be two rhe blacke races of Mulbery trees; the blacke Mulbery Mulbery tree. tree, and the white Mulbery tree, which differ in wood, lease, and fruit: of the blacke Mulbery tree there is but one fort; the stocke whereof is thicker, the wood more solid and strong, the lease more large, hard, and rough in the handling, than that of the white, the fruit also

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being blacke, is greater, and better to taste, than that of the white, which is lushious; besides all this, the blacke is of farre flower growth than the white Mulbery tree.

Three forts of white Mulbery trees.

Of the white Mulbery tree there are manifestly knowne three kinds, which neuerthelesse are onely distinguished by the diners colours of the fruit, which are white, blacke, and red, and seuerally brought forth by seuerall trees: all which three forts, notwithstanding the difference of the colour of the fruit, beare but one name of the white Mulbery tree. These three forts resemble all one another, both in leaues which they bring forth, all of a meane greatnesse, and a smooth feeling, the wood of all being yellow within, and the difference onely to be knowne by the fruit, as aforesaid.

The white Mulbery tree better than the blacke.

The blacke Mulbery tree leafe makes groffe and course filke; but the white Mulbery tree leafe makes fine, & high-prized, (for according to the finenesse of the leafe, will the finenesse and goodnesse of the silke be:) Therefore alwayes where it is in your power to make the best choyce, store your selfe with the white Mulbery tree; which as it is farre better than the blacke, so also it springeth faster, growing more in two yeeres, than the blacke in fixe.

The white Mul. bery tree, bearing the blacke

Yet among the three forts of white Mulbery trees, there is choyce also to be made; for by berry, best of all, the searching of some it hath been found, that the leaues comming of that white Mulbery

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tree which beares the blacke berries, are better than any of the other white Mulbery trees. bearing either the white, or the red berry. Wherefore if it bee possible, surnish your ground onely of this kinde, that the food of the Silk-worme, and so withall, your filke may be the more exquisite.

Next to this, is the white Mulbery tree, bearing the white berry, which some (according as there are divers fancies) holds to be the better: neuerthelesse the former is generally

held the best.

Aboue all, keepe no tree in your Mulbery A Rule. yard, which beares leaves very much indented: for it is neither of so great substance, nor yeelds fo much food as that which hath leffe nickes: but yet this tree will be made good by graft-

ing voon it.

Having chosen your best plant of the white some of the Mulbery tree bearing blacke berries, the next Mulbery, for choise to be made, is of fitte ground to plant good leafe. them in. Secondly, to have wholesome and profitable foode for your Wormes, you must plant them in such a soile as is best fitting for your Vine, namely, not in too fat a ground, nor yet in too barren and leane, but in a middling foile: rather in a drie than a moist, in a light than a heavy, in a gravelly than a clay. For the quantity of the leaves, true it is, the fatte and rich ground is the best, but not for the quality; for the leaner ground breeds the leafe, of the

most profitable and perfect nourishment: the

Mulbery tree having that in common with the Vine, which brings the best Wine in the like foile to this; so then the lighter ground brings forth the more exquisite, delicate, and sauoury leafe for the foode of the Silke-worme, and the far ground a more ranke, groffe, flash, and vnsauory leafe, which being an vnwholesome kind, seldome fadges well with the Worme or neuer, vnlesse it be helped by an excellent good season: whereas the leafe of the leaner and midling foyle, neuer fayles the effecting of your defired purpose. The lease of the Mulbery will be then well qualified as is fitting, if you plant them in an indifferent soyle, somewhat dry, far from springs of water, and from bogges, and from watry and foggy places; prouided also, trbat soyle best. that they be exposed to the Sunne, and kept as much as may be from the annoyance of the North and East Windes: for with the Vine too, the Mulbery hates a cold, shady, and watry fituation. And though the Vine and the Mulbery bring forth more in a fat strong ground then in a leaner, yet fo it is, that the little of the fruite of the leaner ground being delicate, is more esteemed and of better price, than the abundance of that out of the fatter soyle, which is coorse and grosse.

The third thing, is to shew the best time and order to plant and remooue the Mulbery tree, and at what age the leafe is good. Confidering

there be such store of growne Mulbery trees. small and great in Virginia to be taken vp, nothing shall be said now of planting the suckers or branches, nor yet of fowing the Mulbery seede (which though it be the slowest, yet it is held a fure and a good way) but we will onely aduise you to take choyce of such well-growne Mulberies, as may soonest bring profit by their forward flourishing. Experience teaches, that The leafe of the the leaves of the olde Mulbery trees are farre old Mulbery, more healthfull for the Worme, and more profitable than those of the young ones, in case they be still vigorous and not falne into extreme decay through age: the Mulbery tree, as in many things, being in this also like to the Vine, which brings better wine olde than young. And as the Vine begins to beare good Wine after the seuen or eyght first yeeres of his planting, so likewise the Mulbery tree in the same age, brings forth so good leafage, wherof you may be sure to reape certaine profit.

The time and manner of remoouing of the Mulbery tree, is much after the fashion of others: you may remooue and plant the Mulbery in September, October, Nouember, December, February, March, or Aprill, and in Ianuary too if it be not frosty weather. Take them vp in when to remove faire weather, being neither frosty nor hotte, the Mulbery with such care and curiousnesse that you may haue all the rootes whole and intire, without any being broken or bruised if it bee possible:

which to doe, you must neither spare cost, nor paines, nor must you want patience, which is necessary for this action, for feare lest through rude haltinesse and carelesnesse, your trees ill taken vp, prooue lost charge and labour. Before you take them vp, head them, cutting off all their branches, leaving some forked armes of them onely with snags, of such length as is fitting for new growth, as vsually is done in re-Him to remove mouing of other trees. To doe well, three Mulbery trees, moneths at least before you remoue them, you must make holes in the earth ready digged for them, where you minde to fet them. The longer the holes are digged before you fet them, be it a whole yeere, so much the better; for the more the earth is seasoned and prepared by the weather, the easier the trees take rooting, and draw the better nourishment from the earth. But if necessity constraine you to dig the holes at the same instant that you are to plant them, then must you burne some small wood, bushes, orstraw in the holes, that the fire may supply the want of the Sunne and the frost, for the fit preparing of the earth: if otherwise, you must not fill vp the holes with that earth which was taken out of the but with other seasoned earth, pared and taken onely from the very top of the ground, which is better seasoned by the Sunne than that raw earth which lyeth deeper. The holes must bee made very large and wide for them, for to containe the roots at full ease; you may

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may be sure you cannot make them too big. The rootes must be set as deepe in the ground, as they were then when they were taken vp; fo shall you plant them after their naturall manner, which is best, neither too deepe, nor too shallow. There must be left halfe a foot of small loose earth in the bottome of the hole, to set the roots vpon; which earth, if it bee not well prepared before by the weather, must bee taken from the top of the ground, and by this means, they will the easier and sooner take root downward. The roots must be set downe easily, and put into the earth as neere as may bee, to the fame fite and naturall posture that they were when they were growing, taking heed that in placing them, you make not the roots to presse and crosse one vpon another: wherefore see that you couer the roots well, and handsomly, putting betweene them all fost and fine earth, pressing it downe, and couering them by little and little patiently with the hand, and not treading them with the feet, or vsing rammers, and beaters, as some doe, which spoyleth them, but filling them vp rather, and kneading the earth about them gently with the hand, as is faid; beginning first from the lowest roots, and fo going on to the middlemost, and then at last to the highest, till the ground be leuelled. So shall all the roots be couered, without any hollownesse being left betweene them; for this closenesse keepes the roots from taking wind, and

and from water standing about them, which rots them. If in the negligent taking vp, part of the roots be vnbarked, bruised, or broken, that part must be cut off before you plant it, and you must put earth close about that place which is thus hurt, that water and ayre come not between e it and the earth, to rot it.

For Mulbery trees to spread and grow bigger. To have your Mulbery trees grow big, and faire spred, you must shred off some two inches of the tops of all the branches round about, and especially to cut the master bough of the stocke, in lopping the top of the tree, so as in the whole height of the growth, the tree bee not aboue sixe, or seven foot high from the ground: for keeping your trees alwayes at that height by shredding them, they will spread the more: for the substance going backe, will be imployed in nourishing of the stocke; whereas if you let the branches grow at will, there will be much ranke and unprofitable wood.

In what space to plant the Mulbery tree, The fourth poynt requisite for the goodnesse of the Mulbery lease, is, the regard to be had in the planting of them in fit distance and space one from another, whereby the Sunne may come euery way freely to them, to give you a well-concocted and wholsome fine lease for your Silkworms. The more space of ground the Mulbery tree hath freely by himselfe, and the more frankly the ayre and Sunne comes to it, the greater it growes, and brings the better leaves. Therefore if you will make, as it were, whole

whole Forrests and Woods of the Mulbery trees, you must plant them in a straight line, and comely figure of a quincunx, euery tree being distant one from another euery way, at least foure and twenty or thirty foot. Or otherwise, having such store of Mulbery trees as you have somewhere in Virginia, you may take vp all trees betweene them, that hinder this distance from thirty foot, to thirty foot, that the

Sunne may come throughly to them.

But if you will plant them in rankes in the hedges, and out-borders of your plough-lands, or other grounds, then may you plant them neerer together, yet alwayes without pressing them too neere one another; for that is ever to the hurt of the tree, and the losse of the owner. But confidering that the onely outskirts of arable lands, vineyards, and other parts of your demeane lands, though indifferently large, are not sufficient to containe Mulbery trees in so great a number, as is fitting to feed the Wormes in abundance; and for that on the other side, the leaues of the trees which are in the thickets and woods, are not fo good and wholfome for them, as those that are set in due space in the out-borders, because the other neither haue Sun, nor winde at will: a meane betweene these two extremes is found, conueniently to plant the Mulbery trees for the profit of good leafage, and yet without much hindering the tillage and vse of good land. And this

plant Mulbery trees in good order: like to the first of More field maikes.

this is to plant the trees amidst your grounds by line and leuell in double rowes, one fingle rowe being euen distant from the other fix. teene foot, and so likewise euery tree to be set in the same distance from one another; which being thus planted, the two rowes on each The best way to side make one faire alley. And you must dispose these allies on this manner; namely, both along, and acrosse the field, the one alley thwarting and intercrossing the other, leaving on the outsides on them great empty squares of ground, euery square containing an acre, or more, as a man pleaseth, for to sow corne there, which may bee reaped, without being trod downe by the gatherers of the leaves; for when they gather the leaves, they shall tread only on the allies, or neere them; which allies taking vp but small roome, there will be but little losse of ground, either for your corne, or for other vies. You must also plant the trees in these allies in such fort, that they be not set iust right ouer one against another, lest they be pestered together, but let a tree of one row, still against the empty space of the other row: so shall they haue roome and aire enough to grow lustily and freshly, having thus the benefit of the Sun, which will alwayes come most freely vpon them, especially vpon the open sides of the great squares. In which squares you may, if you will, conueniently fow come, specially Otes, and field Peafe, or fuch like; which though they be trodden

yet can they have no great hurt, by reason that the blades of these graines will bee then backwards, and they will rise againe, though they be beaten down to the ground; so wil not VV heat, Rye, nor Barly, which for that reason would not be sowne in your Mulbery-yard, but vpon ne-

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cessity. There is another commodity comes also of ploughing your Mulbery grounds: for the Mulbery tree prospers much better in the loose ploughed or digged ground, then in the hard cloddy medowes and pastures, so as you take heed lest in ploughing or digging about them, you hurt not the rootes. In the same squares you may also plant Vines, where they will profit, as being not much hindered by the shade of the trees; or you may, if you had rather, haue medowes or pastures in them, after the trees have had foure or five yeeres rooting, to as you dig the earth loofe about the roots, and sometimes dung them. In this fort, without hindering your demeanes better, than any other way, neere to your house (for so is most fitting) may you plant your Mulbery yards with great profit, both for the goodnes of the leaf,& for the pleasure and beauty which will be in the walkes, in which also if you please, you may fow, or fet somewhat, that may bee for vse and profit, and quit the cost of labouring the

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Now you must not content your selse in planting a few; for the Mulbery trees being the maine foundation of this revenue, that must be the chiefest thing whereat you must aime, for to plant so great a quantity of them, and so soone, that in a short time you may reape the sweetnesse of this rich profit to your contentment.

Those that are perfectly experienced in this

businesse, aduise a man by all meanes to haue as great abundance of Mulbery trees as is possible, and for one that is a good husband to reape good profit, they prescribe the quantity One man should of two or three thousand trees; for with a leffe number a man that will bee a master of this worke, ought not to enterprise this businesse; for here is no question of good profit which must grow out of a sufficient number of

haue two or 1bree thousand Mulbery trees in his yard for good profit.

> Therefore it is necessary to imploy this worke heere in a great volume, or else the play will hardly be worth the candle. It is onely for women wantonly to keepe a few Silk-wormes, with a few Mulbery trees, more for pleafure, than for profit. So then, if you minde to be very rich indeed in this commodity, you must not stay at that number of trees aboue-named. but alwayes still augment your Mulbery yard, adding thereto certaine hundreds of trees yeerly, both for feeding plenty of Wormes, and also for the succour of the trees, whereof

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you shall doe well to let some part of them eucry yeere rest valeaued; as Lands that bee fallow, to have them in better hart. Now the profit rifing by the leaves, is thus estimated: A thousand waight of Mulbery leaves, is suffici- Athousand waight of ent to feed an ounce of feed in Silk-wormes: leaues feed an and an ounce of feed, if the race in goodnes, ounce of feed. the convenience of the lodging, the pertectnesse of the leafe, and the seasonable time for the worke of the Silkwormes, and the carefull diligence of the Gouernour, all agree together, (for there must be a consort of all these) then (I fay) an ounce of good feed, makes easily fine or fixe pound of filke, which what it is worth cuery one knowes. And this thousand waight of leaues, some twenty, or fine & twenty trees of a meane fize, will alwayes bring forth. Yeaa much lesse number of trees sufficeth for so much waight, if they bee old and great. As there are some Mulbery trees in some places neere Auignion, so large and so abundant in branches, that one tree will furnish one great tree leaves sufficient to feed an ounce of seed. The sometimes cost and charge of the businesse yeerly, is thus fand maight rated in France, a fourth of the totall defrayes of leanes. it all, and so there remaines three parts of

Besides this profit of silke to be made of the Mulbery tree, which is of infinite commodity alone; it is also good for many other singular vies. By tryall made, it hath been found, that

cleere reuenue to the owner.

the Mulbery tree

Other profits of the barke of the white Mulbery tree makes good linnen cloth, and Cordage. The wood also is good to make hoopes for tubs and barrels, and it is fit for all Ioyners worke, and for any vse that is yeelding and pliant: it is also good about ships and botes: the boughs shred off, are excellent for Conies: the berries are much defired of poultry, and is good feed for them; and the leaves, all that fall of themselves to the ground in the end of Summer, being laid by in some place, and taken thence day by day, as you need, and given boyled to fwine, keepe them in good state, and begin to put them into flesh. These, and divers other commodities come of this excellent tree; which aboue all others therefore, you must preserve and multiply still in Virginia.

To this aboue aid shall be added and taught the way how to make Silk-wormes, which is reported by some, the experiment whereof is fo much the more necessary to bee tryed, because there is great danger in carrying of the Silk-wormes feed, so long a journey by Sea to Virginia. For the Sea is much contrary to the nature of the Silk-worme feed, and eafily corrupts it, by reason of the moysture, and cold rawnesse, especially carried in winter time; and therefore it is very hard to fend it by Sea in his perfection. Now then, besides the gathering together of the naturall Silk-wormes, faid to bee in Virginia, (which out of all question

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In the Spring time, thut vp a young Calfe How to make in a little darke and dry stable, and there feed Silk-wormes, it onely with Mulbery leaues some twenty dayes, meane while let it not drinke at all, nor eate any other thing; at the end of this time, kill it by strangling, and put it whole into a tub, to rot there, and couer it all ouer with Mulbery leaues: out of the corruption of this carcase, come forth abundance of Silk-wormes, which you may take vp with the Mulbery leaues, they fastening themselues vnto them; these fed and handled according to art and common fashion, in their due time bring forth both silke and seed, as others. Some, to lessen this charge, take onely the leg of a sucking Calfe, and cut out of it as much flesh as weighes seuen or eight pounds, and putting it in some woodden vessell with Mulbery leaues about it, leauing it to rot, take the wormes comming out of the flesh, from the Mulbery leaues to which they cleaue, and so vse them in like manner as others. Considering, that Bees are made but of the rottennesse of a young Bull or Heifer, and according to the Scripture of the Lion, and that weefee daily many creatures come of putrifaction: this is no improbable thing, and therefore is worth the

the triall, to faue the labour and danger of fending Silk-worme feed by Sea, which to doe well, would be changed enery four eyeeres, as you vie to doe your graine that you fowe.

Other things concerning the ordering of Silk-wormes, you shall know by another booke which is to be printed. Meane while, with all speed make these timely and necessary prouisions aforesaid, for the ground-worke of the busines, as to plant store of the best Mulbery trees, in a good aire, in proper soyle, & fit distance, & dig store of holes in the ground betimes for the preparing of the earth, the better to plant the trees in: prouide also faire and fit middle lodgings for the Silk-wormes: for this delicate creature, which clothes Princes, and payes his charges so bountifully, cannot indure to bee lodged in base and beggerly roomes, but in those that be large, sweet, neat, wel ayred, and lightsome. It is a thing well knowne, that a few Silk-wormes, fed at large, and ease, make farre more silke than a greater number, pent in narrow and ill-fauoured roomes. No ill smels must come neere them, they must be kept sweet, and oft perfumed; therefore having such store of sweet woods in Virginia as you have there, you shall doe well to make their roomes and tables of those woods: sweet sents being a thing most agreeable to them. Bee carefull to doe things curiously and thorowly well for them at the first, for your more plentifull and certaine er of

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A valuation of the Commodities growing and to be had in Virginia: rated as they are thereworth.

Ron ten pounds the Tunne.
Silke Coddes, two thillings fixepence the pound.

Raw Silke, thirteene shillings foure pence

the pound.

Silke graffe to bee vsed for Cordage, fixepence the pound: but we hope it will serue for many better vses, and so yeeld a farre greater rate, whereof there can neuer bee too much planted.

Hempe, from ten shillings, to two and twen-

ty shillings the hundred.

Flaxe, from twenty shillings to thirty shillings the hundred.

Cordage, from twenty shillings, to foure

and twenty shillings the hundred.

Cotton wooll, eyght pence the pound. Hard Pitch, fixe shillings the hundred.

Tarre, fiue shillings the hundred.
Turpentine, twelve shillings the hundred.

Rozen, fiue shillings the hundred.

Madder

Madder Crop, forty shillings the hundred, course Madder, sine and twenty shillings the hundred.

Woad, from twelve shillings, to twenty

Annis-feeds, forty shillings the hundred.

Powder Sugar, Panels, Muscauadoes and Whites, fine and twenty shillings, forty, and three pounds the hundred.

Sturgeon, and Cauiare, as it is in goodnesse.

Salt, thirty shillings the weigh.
Masticke, three shillings the pound.

Salsa Perilla wild, fiue pounds the hundred. Salsa Perilla domestick, ten pounds the hundred.

Red earth Allenagra, three shillings the hundred.

Red Allum, called Carthagena Allum, ten shillings the hundred.

Roach Allum, called Romish Allum, ten

shillings the hundred.

Berry graine, two shillings fixe pence the pound: the powder of graine, nine shillings the pound: it groweth on trees like Holly berries.

Masts for Shipping, from ten shillings, to three pounds a piece.

Pot-ashes, from twelve shillings the hun-

dred, to foureteene.

Sope-ashes, from fixe shillings, to eyght shillings the hundred.

Clap-

Clapboord watered, thirty shillings the hundred.

Pipe staues, soure pounds the thousand.
Rape-seede oyle, ten pounds the tunne, the cakes of it seede Kine sat in the winter.

Oyle of Walnuts, twelue pounds the tunne. Lin-seede oyle, ten pounds the tunne. Saffron, twenty shillings the pound. Honey, two shillings the gallon. Waxe, source pounds the hundred.

Shomack, seuen shillings the hundred, whereof great plenty in Virginia, and good quantity will be vented in England.

Fustick young, eyght shillings the hundred. Fustick old, sixe shillings the hundred, according to the sample.

Sweete Gums, Roots, Woods, Berries for dies and Drugs, send of all forts as much as you can, euery fort by it selfe, there being great quantities of those things in Virginia, which after proofe made, may be heere valued to their worth. And particularly, we have great hope of the Pocoone roote, that it will proue better than Madder.

Sables, from eyght shillings the paire, to twenty shilling a paire.

Otters skins, from three shillings, to fine shillings a piece.

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Luzernes, from two shillings, to ten a piece.

Martins the best, source shillings a piece.

Wild Cats, eyghteene pence a piece.

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Foxe skins, sixe pence a piece.

Muske Rats skins, two shillings a doozen: the cods of them will serve for good persumes.

Beuer skins that are full growne, in season, are worth seuen shillings a piece.

Beuer skins, not in season, to allow two skins for one, and of the lesser, three for one.

Old Beuer skins in Mantles, gloues or caps, the more worne, the better, so they bee full of furre, the pound waight is fixe shillings.

The new Beuer skins, are not to be bought by the pound, because they are thicke and heavy leather, and not so good for vse as the old.

Pearles of all forts that you can finde: Ambergreece as much as you can get: Criffall rocke: Send as much as you can, and any fort of Minerall stones, or earth that weighs very heavy.

Preserve the Walnut trees to make oyle of, and cut them not downe: so also preserve your Mulberry and Chesnut trees very carefully.

In the moneth of Iune, bore holes in divers forts of Trees, whereby you shall see what gums they yeeld, and let them be well dried in the Sunne every day, and send them home in very dry Caske.



